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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working back to the first report but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]

The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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20 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 6/8

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

1) Personnel Situation

(1) Voroshilovgrad has informed the People's Commissariat of the Heavy Machine Industry in Moscow that drafting in the city and rajon of Voroshilovgrad is meeting with great difficulties. The able-bodied population is practically unavailable. The average daily recruitment comes to five workers.

(2) Bookkeeping work is lagging at a wharf in Irkutsk Rajon. The bookkeepers and other office employees are frequently assigned to other work.

(3) The Krasnoyarsk NKRF must give back 70 locksmiths and 40 turners originally assigned from the Peoples' Commissariat of the Fish Industry.

(4) In Surashevka the entire body of the Trade School is to be transferred to the local shipyard. 150 new technical students are to be admitted immediately.

(5) The Khabarovsk NKRF has the following personnel for the third quarter:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Wages</u>
Workers	373	634,000 rubles
Engineer-technical personnel	88	318,000 rubles
Unclassified personnel	48	88,400 rubles
Drafted personnel (?)	36	26,000 rubles

(6) The Ust-Usa NKRF has the following personnel for the entire year of 1943:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Wages</u>
Ship personnel for passenger ships	75	700,000 rubles
Ship personnel for tugs	450	4,630,000 rubles
Ship personnel for non-self propelled ships	270	1,780,000 rubles
Administrative personnel	16	92,000 rubles
Personnel at moorings	180	1,890,000 rubles
Communications personnel	85	580,000 rubles
Transport workers	54	32,400 rubles
Apprentices	50	128,000 rubles

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(7) In Rostov/Don the first worker transport has arrived for the offices of the Peoples' Commissariat of the Aviation Industry. Rostov/Don is requesting 500 beds for accommodating them.

(8) In July premiums for good output were allotted to the following NKRF enterprises:

Novosibirsk NKRF (Ob Steamship Agency)	70,000 rubles
Novosibirsk Port	20,000 rubles
Military Reconstruction Directorate in Rostov/Don	20,000 rubles
Water Transport Base Molotov	15,000 rubles
NKRF Plant "Butyakov" (Svenigovo)	15,000 rubles
NKRF Plant "Zhdanov" (Gorkij)	15,000 rubles

II. The Food Situation

(9) According to a report of 11 August from Alma Ata, a good harvest is expected in this oblast'. The harvest is almost gathered in the southern and western parts. By working day and night, it is hoped that the job will be completed in three days in Karaganda and Kurgan rajons.

(10) Good agricultural yields were obtained in Rostov Oblast'. Rostov Oblast' is to send the following from its 1943 harvest to the Red Army:

11,540 tons of potatoes
26,595 tons of vegetables

of which to the southwestern front:

3,000 tons of potatoes
6,000 tons of vegetables

of which to the southern front:

8,540 tons of potatoes
20,595 tons of vegetables

In addition, Rostov Grain Procurement is to ship 484 tons of mustard to Balashov.

The following authorizations for food were noted:

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(11)	Nazran, Checheno-Ingush Oblast' Barley Mill	300 tons	Corn	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	To be sent immediately for producing flour
(12)	Stalingrad NKRF	1.5	Oats	Stalingrad, Grain Procurement	For August
(13)	Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	1.8	Oats	---	---
(14)	Alma Ata NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	In August for horses at ship repair plants
(15)	Gorkij NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(16)	Yaroslavl NK RF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(17)	Irkutsk, Water Transport Base	0.5	Fodder grain	---	"
(18)	Kazan NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(19)	Krasnoyarsk NKRF	5	Fodder grain	---	"
(20)	Kujbyshev NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(21)	Saratov NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(22)	Semipalatinsk NKRF	2.5	Fodder grain	Alma Ata	"
(23)	Stalingrad NKRF	1	Fodder grain	---	"
(24)	North Caucasus Front	150	Pickles	Krasnodar Sovkhoz Trust	---
	"	1500	Fruit	"	---
(25)	Bor NKRF	30	Salt	Gorkij NKRF	---
(26)	Gorkij Water Transport Base	40	Salt	"	---
(27)	Gorkij NKRF	15	Salt	---	---
(28)	Kirov NKRF	10	Salt	Vladimirovka NKRF	---
(29)	Ufa NKRF	10	Salt	"	---
(30)	Voskresensk NKRF	20	Salt	Gorkij NKRF	---
(31)	Balashov	484	Mustard	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	---

III. Oil Supply

(32) In a message of 16 August 1943 from Rostov/Don to Moscow, it was said that:

"According to plan 65 tank cars of avtol were to be dispatched from Batumi in the first half of August. However, there has been no shipment. We request that the amount mentioned previousl be included in the plan for the second half of August. Since ligroin allotments for the most part are not being covered, we request that Makhachkala be ordered to ship immediately 40 tank cars of ligroin to Tikhoretsk and 60 tank cars to Batajsk."

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(33) The following authorizations were noted:

a. Fuel:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(34)	Kamuste, NKRF Plant "Ulyanov- Lenin"	500 tons	Mazut	Gorkij "Volga Tanker"	---
(35)	Starobelsk, NK of Sovkhozes	26	Oil	Starobelsk, Oil Supply	For September
(36)	Svenigovo, Plant "Butyakov"	400	Motor oil	Astrakhan	---
(37)	Starobelsk, NK of Sovkhozes	10	Diesel oil	Starobelsk, Oil Supply	For September
	"	250	Petroleum	"	"
(38)	Kujbyshev NKRF	0.7	Petroleum	---	In addition for
	"	1	Gasoline	---	August
(39)	Starobelsk, NK of Sovkhozes	38	Gasoline	Starobelsk, Oil Supply	For September
	"	23	Ligroin	"	"
(40)	Kujbyshev NKRF	0.5	Ligroin	Kujbyshev, Oil Supply	For August

b. Lubricants:

(41)	Pyatigorsk Alcohol Trust	0.2	Motor oil	Krasnodar Oil Supply	In the 3rd quarte
	"	0.9	Machine oil	"	"
	"	2.5	Machine oil distillate	"	"
	"	1.6	Cylinder oil	"	"
	"	0.1	Nigrol	"	"
	"	0.6	Solidol	"	"

IV. Coal Supply

(42) Voroshilovgrad Coal and Rostov Coal have fulfilled the plan for the first ten-day period of August as follows:

	<u>Coal Hauling</u>	<u>Coal Shipment</u>
Voroshilovgrad Coal	84%	45%
Rostov Coal	88%	54%

Both combines as well as the trusts "Sverdlov Coal", "Frunze Coal", "Krasnodon Coal", "Shakhty Anthracite", "Nesvetaj Anthracite", and "Gukov Coal" show a serious decrease in production results in relation to the third ten day period in July.

(43) Plant 755 in Shchelkovo (Moscow Oblast') had to discontinue war production due to the lack of Don coal. Instead of the expected 1000 tons of coal only 90 tons were sent up to now

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(44) In Komsomolsk a dredger is idle due to the lack of coal. The Inland Steamship Agency was not able to ship the necessary coal from Khabarovsk because of the lack of tonnage.

(45) In July the Astrakhan NKRF did not buy the 500 tons of coal procured in Sarepta. At present there are no coal stocks in Sarepta.

(46) The Chief of the Division of Hospitals in Rostov/Don is urging delivery of the yearly requirement of 630 tons of coal. As of 1 August only 6% had been sent.

(47) The Abkhazian Trust for Communal Feeding in Sukhumi had a balance of 7 tons of Tkvarcheli coal on 1 August. The vinegar plant in Tbilisi had a balance of 10 tons of Tkvibuli coal on 1 August.

The following authorizations were noted:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(48)	Cherdyn Shipyard	20 tons	Kozelsk Coal	Molotov	---
	"	20	Kuznetsk "	Molotov	---
(49)	Novocherkassk Machine Plant	20	Thermo anthracite	Shakhty, Directorate of Thermo-anthracite	In August In August
(50)	Astrakhan, "Volga Tanker"	26	Coke	---	In August In August
(51)	Astrakhan Plant "Kujbyshev"	14	Coke	---	In August
(52)	Kirov NKRF	9	Coke	---	Through the Kama Steamship Agency
(53)	Krasnoyarsk, Ship Repair Plant	20	Coke	---	---
(54)	Molotov, NKRF Plant "Staryj Burlak"	75	Coke	---	Including: 13 tons to Moscow Steamship Agency 6 tons to Belaya Steamship Agency 5 tons to Vyatka Steamship Agency 6 tons to Moscow-Volga Canal

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(55) Large allotments of lumber for ship construction were noted. They were intended for ship construction as well as for repair purposes. At times allotments for the building/repair period in the winter of 1943-44 were in question. Thus, the Omsk NKRF had received only 3,300 cubic meters of the previously allotted 14,000 cubic meters of ship-construction lumber as of 1 July. (cf. tables).

(56) According to a message to Kujbyshev and to the Stalingrad NKRF, floating caravans have lost 28,000 cubic meters of timber en route. The timber which was lost is to be recovered immediately and sent on to Astrakhan.

(57) The Kujbyshev NKRF is to return immediately 69 tons of floating tackle to the timber procurement offices. If delivery is not made, the shipment of ship-construction timber to Kujbyshev through the Peoples' Commissariat of Timber will be discontinued.

(58) There have been difficulties in providing the Ulan Ude NKRF with draught horses for timber procurement during the fall and winter months. Timber Procurement of the NKRF in Cherdyn received 10 horses from the local shipyard. These, however, are to be used only for shipping ship-construction timber.

Authorizations noted were as follows:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(59)	Blagoveschensk River Fleet Tech- nical School	760 cu. m.	Firewood	---	---
(60)	Omsk NKRF	60,000	Firewood	---	Allotment during navigation year of 1943
(61)	Chkalovsk, NKRF Plant "Ulyanov Lenin"	10,000	Firewood	---	---
(62)	Kostroma NKRF	2,000	Ship-con- struction timber	---	---
(63)	Omsk NKRF	14,000	Ship-con- struction timber	---	Allotment in navigation year of 1943, including 3,300 cu. m. received by 1 July

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(64)	Pavlodar, Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency	2,000	Ship-construction timber	Omsk	In August, for ship repair purposes in the winter of 1943/1944
(65)	Semipalatinsk NKRF	4,000	"	---	For ship construction purposes
(66)	Uralsk NKRF	300	"	Saratov	For ship repair purposes
(67)	Don-Kuban Reconstruction Directorate	5,000	Round timber	Stalingrad NKRF	---
(68)	Lower Volga Steamship Agency	15,000	"	"	---
(69)	Molotov, Ship Repair Plant "Dzerzhinskij"	75	Sawn timber	Molotov, C. D. of Timber Supply	---
(70)	Saratov Ship Repair Plant	62	Sawn timber	Saratov, C. D. of Timber Supply	---
(71)	Tbilisi C. D. of Wood Supply	6,000	Packing boards	---	To be received for citrus harvest
(72)	Baku	400	Barrels	---	July plan - to be shipped by Kujbyshev NKRF
(73)	Canning factories in Central Siberia	600	Barrels	---	In August - to be shipped by Novosibirsk NKRF

VI. Production

(74) As a result of a message to the Blagoveshchensk NKRF, work on collective tasks, not assigned by the State Defense Committee, is to be discontinued.

(75) In the year 1942/43, ship repair work on 363 units of 174,440 tons was carried out at the Ust-Usa NKRF. Repairs on 327 units of 154,550 tons are expected for the year 1943/44

(76) The following production program for tugs has been confirmed for the third quarter:

Baturino Shipyard - four tugs of 3,000 tons in July and two tugs of 1500 tons in August

Tavda Shipyard - a tug of 1700 tons in August and a tug of 1700 tons in September

Rechapovo Shipyard - five wooden flatboats of 250 tons in August and two wooden flat

boats of 100 tons in September

Chulpan Shipyard - two wooden flatboats of 200 tons in August and one wooden flatboat of

100 tons in September

(77) A yearly production program in the amount of 8,000,000 rubles and of 11,720,000

rubles was confirmed for the Gorodets NKRF and for Svenigovo respectively.

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(78) The Novosibirsk NKRF is to complete 560 sq. m. of barracks in the third quarter.

(79) The Dvurechnaya (Kharkov Oblast') enterprise of the NK of Building Materials reports that electric assembly was completed at the cement plant. Electric current is not yet available in the city. The plant can produce 30 tons of cement daily. There are 300 tons of cement at the plant warehouse.

(80) Molotov, Inland Navigation Supply is receiving 45 ventilators from the plant in Shadrinsk.

(81) The Voroshilovgrad "VPU" (Military Post Directorate?) has informed the NK for Communications in Moscow that up to 1 August 812 km of circuit were again set up within the oblast' with 4,625 km. of cable. In accordance with an order, 590 km. of circuit with 3,932 km. of cable have been put in operation.

(82) Newly noted plants:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Plant 44	Marks (not located)	---
Plant 151	Gorkij	Subordinate to the NK of the Rubber Industry (cf Report 3/6)
Plant 590	Novosibirsk (?)	---
Plant 675	Petropavlovsk	---
Plant 773	Kostroma	Subordinate to the NK of the Mortar Industry
Plant for Impregnating Railroad Ties	Yaroslavl	---
Plant "3rd International"	Makhachkala	Delivers wadding

VII. Transport Situation

(83) In Stalingrad the movement of scrap metal is not proceeding satisfactorily. Ships are loaded with unusually heavy objects, such as tanks, etc., so that unloading is not possible for destinations which do not have cranes.

(84) The Ust-Usa NKRF has not fulfilled the planned transportation program. In order to insure fulfillment of the plan for August, Ust-Usa must ship out 17,500 tons of various kinds of goods in the second ten-day period.

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(85) The procurement and shipment of timber was carried out unsatisfactorily by the NKRF offices in Ufa. The fulfillment of the planned figure for the third quarter is, therefore, seriously in question.

(86) In order to settle its entire debt, the Omsk NKRF must ship 90,000 tons in the second ten-day period of August.

(87) The Moscow NKRF Chief Directorate reprimanded Omsk sharply because 20 instead of the prescribed 4 hours were required to load a coal train of 58 cars.

(88) The turnover of goods in Semipalatinsk, Novosibirsk, and Kineshma is proceeding unsatisfactorily, e.g.:

In Semipalatinsk only 26 of the 66 cars allotted during the first five days in August could be loaded.

In Novosibirsk 150 cars of millet could not be transshipped because of the lack of sacks.

In Kineshma, instead of 32 cars, only 10 could be loaded in the first 9 days of August.

(89) The following planned figures for timber shipment in August were noted:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>a) Established plan</u> <u>figures</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>b) Voluntary above-plan</u> <u>shipment</u>
Ulan Ude NKRF	100,000 tons	30,000 tons
Krasnoyarsk	30,000 (?) tons	75,000 tons
Irkutsk	-----	10,000 tons

(90) The Astrakhan NKRF must place tonnage of 2,000 tons at the disposal of the Vladimirovka NKRF for salt shipment.

(91) In August the Kujbyshev NKRF is to ship 1,500 tons of limestone from Shiryaevo to Kostroma for Plant No. 773 of the Peoples' Commissariat of the Mortar Industry.

VIII. The Civil Air Fleet

(92) Major General Avseevich and Major General Berenson were mentioned on the Civil Air Fleet radio. Their rank and area of responsibility in the Civil Air Fleet have been unknown heretofore.

(93) A technical repair directorate of the Civil Air Fleet in Moscow has been mentioned for the first time. This directorate receives reports about the situation at aircraft, tractor, and motor vehicle parks from individual flight regiments.

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(94) The cover name "Rekord" has appeared for the first time. It concerns a large aircraft repair workshop, according to reports.

(95) The office in Tashkent gives the following report for July about an airline:

flight hours	98 hours
distance covered	17,608 km.
passengers dispatched	149 persons
freight dispatched	5,316 kg.

(96) It has again been confirmed that the 4th Air Regiment has been placed near the front. The 4th Air Regiment is to send in a report about flights on the front to the Chief Directorate in Moscow.

(97) Every month the "Zolotov" Group receives a number of unoccupied rooms in sanatoriums for flight personnel.

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